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As life gets back to normal post pandemic in Kasavanahalli, encroachments and bad roads return too making residents struggle to find sure footing

PATHBREAKER

Cables, vehicles, vendors waylay pedestrians

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“After we complain, a drive is carried out after a week’s time and in a few days we see the same encroachments again... — Kasavanahalli resident

Kasavanahalli Main Road is one of the major connecting roads from Sarjapur Road to Electronic City. Over 10,000 people reside alongside the road. However, they do not have basic footpaths — whatever is left of it is encroached by cables, vehicles, shops and complexes.

During the pandemic, many stayed home, continuing to work as small shops shut. Vendors were hardly seen and vehicle movement was minimal — in fact the only time when Kasavanahalli citizens saw neat footpaths was back then. Now the condition has worsened once again as normalcy returns post pandemic. Recently, the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) were seen building drainage lines and laying underground electric cables; while some work has been completed, the cables are lying on the footpath and debris from digging is dumped on the sidewalk. The authorities are not taking responsibility and clearing the footpath once the work is completed.

To add to the abandoned cables and debris, the vendors have occupied the footpaths once again. Many shops have also come up on the sidewalk. A large number of two wheelers is seen parked on the footpaths — and yet there has been no action taken by the traffic police.

Two years ago, before the pandemic, an encroachment removal drive was carried out in the area, asking the shop owners to leave; even the owners of the illegally parked vehicles were penalised. The footpaths were cleaned up thereafter. However, two years and a pandemic later, the encroachments are back again, the residents said.

Vishnu Prasad, member of Kasavanahalli Development Forum

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Budget has Rs 8,409 cr for city

Emphasis on Namma Metro, Suburban Rail, Peripheral Ring Road, lakes and green cover

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With an eye on the BBMP polls round the corner and pressure from the BJP legislators, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has allocated Rs 8,409 crore for Bengaluru. The CM said emphasis will be given for speedy implementation of Namma Metro, Suburban Rail, Peripheral Ring Road and other projects planned for decongestion of traffic. Priority will be given for beautification of the city environment through development of lakes and green cover.

As BBMP is cash-strapped to take up mega infrastructure projects, the CM has chipped in with the Amrutha Nagarothana scheme at an expenditure of Rs 6,000 crore to be realised in the next three years to provide infrastructure facilities in the city. This will fund various road development, grade separator, lake development, major storm water drain development, parks, buildings, solid waste management, street lights and slum development.

Metro to Sarjapur and Kadabagere

The CM said 33 km of Metro line will be added in the next financial year. With this Namma Metro will have an 89-km line. Works have been taken up to construct a 58.19 km-long Metro line connecting Central Silk Board with Kempegowda International Airport; this will be completed by March 2025. A Detailed Project

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A padayatra that kept traffic cops on their toes

Coordinating a smooth traffic movement with the march, it was a hectic five days for the Bangalore Traffic Police

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It was a busy week for the Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) when the second leg of the Congress' padayatra (foot march) for the Mekedatu drinking water project resumed from Jnanabharathi, west Bengaluru from February 27, Sunday, and came to an end on March 3. Leaders and workers completed a total of 79.8 kilometres in the first leg of the padayatra that spanned areas in Ramanagara and Kanakapura only to abruptly end due to the third wave in the second week of January.

The Congress leaders and party workers had planned the padayatra for nearly 170 kilometres that covered areas in and around the Cauvery basin (Kanakapura and Ramanagara) to crisscrossing the city from Jnanabharathi until Sarjapur (West to East). Leaders also walked from Palace Grounds towards National Grounds (North to South) where a rally to culminate the padayatra was organised at the National College Grounds.

BTP officials said that managing traffic on Sunday and Tuesday -- the day of the Maha Shivaratri holiday -- was easier compared to Monday, Wednesday and Thursday when commercial establishments, schools, colleges were open for business. "Though there are a lot of people working from home even now, the number of vehicles on the roads have increased," BTP officials pointed out.

Around 4,000 to 5,000 people participated in the padayatra and traffic police had to dedicate a single side of the road to pedestrians. The other side of the road was allotted for movement of vehicles in a restricted fashion.

At National College Grounds, a rally culminated Part Two of the Congress'padayatra, on Thursday, in Bengaluru

> **As the marching was not continuous, we managed to allow traffic at intervals when the workers paused**
>
> Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Traffic, West Division

"As the marching was not continuous and had gaps in between, we managed to allow traffic movement at intervals when the workers would pause. There were 14 main traffic junctions under my police division alone and we had to coordinate movement of traffic with their march," said Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Traffic, West Division.

There were several alternate routes planned, but since commuters had to use the same roads used by the party workers, many were stuck in traffic for a long time, Kumar added.

Even on the padayatra routes in the east division traffic areas such as Sarjapur, Jayadeva, and National College Grounds, traffic movement was managed in a similar manner.

"It was a hectic schedule where we had to clear the routes and make way for thousands of walkers without any hassles especially during working days in city limits. As the padayatra culminated at the National College Grounds on Thursday, our men are looking at another heavy-duty bandobast event for the budget session," said another senior traffic police officer.

Romance gone sour: Woman honeytrapped for money

The Karnataka police on Friday arrested a man for blackmailing women with their nude photos and extorting money. The arrested person has been identified as Prashanth (31), a resident of Vijayapura district.

According to the police, the accused would give a missed call and send messages to women randomly.. If any of the women continued to chat with them, he trapped those women into relationships. Later, he would capture their intimate moments on his mobile and blackmail them for money.

All was well until a 30-year-old woman complained to the Cyber Economics and Narcotics Crimes (CEN) sleuths, who arrested the accused and seized his mobile.

The police said that Prashanth was a school dropout and was working in agriculture in Vijayapura. He had given a missed call to the victim five months ago and lured her into sending him her private pictures and extorted more than Rs 50,000 from her on different occasions.

According to the police, the accused had been arrested earlier on similar charges.

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When: March 5, 7:30-10:30pm
Tickets: motojojo.co

02 Melodies and more

Catch Asha Bhat perform live this Saturday. Bhat is an Indian Singer who earned popularity at a very young age. She has been a part of various reality shows and has sung for films too.
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GOAT, no more: Shane Warne dies at 52

The legendary Australian leg-spinner passed away of a suspected heart attack

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Former Australia spinner Shane Warne, who redefined the art of spin bowling to become one of the greatest in international cricket, has died of a suspected heart attack in Thailand, his management said on Friday.

He was 52 and is survived by two daughters and a son.

"The family requests privacy at this time and will provide further details in due course," quoted a release by his management.

An iconic name in international cricket, Warne, made his debut in 1992, and immortalised himself with the 'ball of the century' in 1993 when as a 24-year-old, he deceived Mike Gatting at Old Trafford with a delivery that landed on the leg stump and, as the Englishman tried to defend, turned viciously to clip his off bail.

A flamboyant personality both on and off the field, Warne also found success as a commentator and was considered among the sharpest analysts of the game.

Spotlight's on heart health

Sidharth Shukla, Puneeth Rajkumar, Raj Kaushal were some Indian names who lost their lives to a cardiac arrest as well, turning the spotlight on heart disease. Doctors say there is greater need now for monitoring heart health, and exercising with care.

Dr Saikiran S (Consultant Physician, People Tree Hospitals, Yeswanthpur) said that one should not go for abrupt weight loss programmes as it can lead to multiple complications.

"People who go on abrupt diets can lose a lot of muscle instead of fat which will affect their metabolism."

On the trend of sudden heart attacks, Dr Naveen Chandra G S (Consultant - Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital Varthur Road) added that this could be attributed to increase in incidence of risk factors and change in lifestyle. "Incidents of diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol are on the rise as compared to past. These conditions mostly remain asymptomatic which makes it harder to diagnose without screening," he said.

Shane Warne
@ShaneWarne
Operation shred has started (10 days in) & the goal by July is to get back to this shape from a few years ago ! Let's go 💪👏 #heathy #fitness #feelgoodfriday

The final bow: Shane Warne at the end of Day 3 of the 5th Ashes Test Match between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 4, 2007 in Sydney, Australia; (inset) the icon had tweeted about getting back in shape

> **I am shocked to the core. This cannot be true... Rest in peace. A huge loss for cricket**
> –Sir Vivian Richards

The sports world mourned his loss. Sir Vivian Richards tweeted, "I am shocked to the core. This can't be true...Rest in peace. A huge loss for cricket."

"Life is so fickle and unpredictable. I cannot process the passing of this great of our sport and also a person I got to know off the field. RIP #goat. Greatest to turn the cricket ball," tweeted Virat Kohli. **–PTI**

Foot-loose in Kasavanahalli

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(KDF) said there is no strict enforcement in Kasavanahalli area. "The place looks really bad with all the pushcarts on the footpath; many shops are located and vehicles are parked on the sidewalks too. Debris is strewn around on the footpath and people can hardly walk. The place has been getting worse since the past six months, as life gets back to normalcy; public spaces are being encroached and residents are suffering," he told BM.

While the residents have brought it to the notice of the BBMP and traffic police time and again, no action has been taken. "Two years ago when complaints were made, encroachments were removed. However, it was back in no time. The officials need to keep up and sustain the effort to keep a check on encroachments.

After we complain, a drive is carried out after a week's time and in a few days we see the same encroachments again. The locality comes under HSR traffic police station limits; this area is completely ignored, there seems to be no traffic management and even traffic violations like parking on footpaths is ignored," said a resident.

After multiple complaints by residents, some of the vehicle owners were penalised on Friday, but citizens said there are much more vehicles parked on footpaths and strict checks needed to be carried out on a regular basis.

"With footpath encroachments, we have to use the 40-ft road to walk. The traffic on the stretch is massive and even walking on the road gets risky. Some pushcarts are parked on the main road, which makes it immensely difficult for us," said Prasad.

An official from BBMP Mahadevapura zone said: "We are aware of the issue; we have planned an encroachment removal drive. We will begin next week."

RWA speaks against BBMP's 'illegal' project in Whitefield

Residents say commuters can use other roads, let Pattandur Agrahara Lake be

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Namma Whitefield Resident Welfare Association Federation complained to the Lokayukta on March 3, regarding the illegal road constructed in the buffer zone of Pattandur Agrahara Lake.

Sandeep Anirudhan, president of the association, complained, the project violates nearly 15 written laws and is causing contempt to the High Court which prohibits construction in buffer zones. The complaint stated the road was being made for the behest of real estate and builder mafia.

File pic of stretch where Palike wants to contruct a road

Citizens said building a road in the buffer zone blatantly disregards the law, is extremely dangerous and a reason city lakes are dying.

In 2018, the High Court had passed an order that underlined the land tribunal does not have powers to alter the nature and classification of the lake.

Indira Belde, BNP leader from Mahadevapura zone said, "Bengaluru's lakes have been continuously encroached over the past few years for vested commercial interests and which are frequently supported by corrupt public authorities... citizens are not only looking up to BBMP to prevent further encroachments but also to start restoring many lakes. But... BBMP itself is indulging in illegal projects."

Murali Govinarajulu, another BNP leader, stated, with water levels continuously dipping in the city, such projects will further exacerbate the looming water crisis.

The 80 Feet Road is up for construction to solve commuters' problems. It will connect ITPL Main Road and Whitefield Main Road. However, residents said there are alternate roads which could be used instead to protect the lake.

Agritech, foodtech stakeholders unite

University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, is hosting the third edition of the TechBharat conclave. Organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka and IMS Foundation, it started on Friday. It is expected to bring stakeholders from the foodtech and agritech sectors together on a single platform. Inaugurating the conclave, state agriculture minister BC Patil said more youngsters are engaging themselves in providing solutions to industry challenges.
He said the government is focusing on implementation of necessary steps to support and promote innovation, growth and development in food and agriculture. The conclave highlighted the importance of realigning university research activities with societal needs and stressed upon sustainable agriculture practices. The need of developing newer technologies for high-yielding agriculture, which would enhance farmers' income was also discussed.

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Everyone's favourite Kanakapura Road

Citizens and builders claim it is the fastest-growing green hub

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If you happen to travel on Kanakapura Road, one can see a sea of development. A lot of highrise buildings have come up while tailored properties have made their mark all along the highway till NICE Road. However, there are many properties which have green surroundings and have turned out to be the biggest hotspot for buyers.

Real estate developers say that there are a number of factors that have aided the growth of Kanakapura Road. The extension of the green line of Metro has helped the public. While Metro has helped the public to avoid the traffic on the ground, the widening of the Kanakapura Road and it's proposed widening to four-lane highway has been helping residents.

Suresh S, a techie said, "I have been planning to buy a property in the city. After travelling across the city, I have realised that the best bet for property is on Kanakapura Road."

Amrita K, a techie, added, "I always dreamt of buying a property closer to nature. If you are on Kanakapura Road, you can see a lot of greenery and hillocks. It gives us a feeling of staying closer to the lap of nature."

Property dealers say that investing in property in and around Kanakapura Road is the best as it provides the best returns in the long run. Kanakapura Road is seeing a major infrastructure push. There is a proposal to build a four-lane road till Kanakapura and then make it a paved two-lane stretch till Karnataka border, which connects Sathyamangalam and Coimbatore. Bypasses have been planned at important places like Kaggalipura, Udyapura, Harohalli, Kanakapura and Sathanur.

Meanwhile, another advantage for those buying property here is that south Bengaluru is set to get its longest flyover of 1.2 km stretch on Kanakapura Road.

The proposed flyover will be constructed at the Outer Ring Road-Kanakapura Road junction near Sarakki. The flyover will be constructed in such a way that the vehicles on ORR, which now get stuck at the junction, will move smoothly without traffic congestion. The waiting time at Kanakapura Road side will reduce significantly. Another highlight of this flyover is that it will come under a Metro line. While the Metro piers are at a height of 13.5 m, the proposed flyover will come at a height of 5.5 m from the ground level.

BBMP sources said that the four-lane flyover will begin from Ilyas Nagar junction and will have a width of 17 m. Interestingly, we have similar 'flyovers under flyovers' at Nayandahalli-Mysore road where the ORR flyover is below the Mysore road flyover and on Electronics City where the NICE Road flyover is below the E City expressway and the proposed metro line there.

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As per a report released by a real estate advisory service, in 2019, the second homes market was sized at USD 739 million and grew at a CAGR of 37.34 per cent in the next two years. Currently, the aggregate size of holiday homes by the end of 2021 amounted to 1.394 billion. The second homes market was amongst the few segments that did not receive any contraction during the pandemic. Rather, the pandemic helped in renewing demand in this segment.

"During the pandemic, the holiday home segment got a huge thrust as many buyers, caught between the crossfire of the menacing viral wave and the risk of future contagion, started realising the inherent benefit of owning a holiday home. The second homes market also offers lucrative rental options, as they can be put for long stay rental. Besides, we are seeing an emergence of a neo-aspirational class who want to shun a typical nine to five office lifestyle. Hence, second homes offer conducive, hygienic, and peaceful options for work and stay. Lastly, the second homes market is a safe investment option for numerous buyers looking to mitigate risk," says Ankit Kansal, co-founder and MD of a real estate advisory service.

New-age buyers driving demand

Earlier, the concept of owning a 'farmhouse' or 'home-away-from-home' was within the reach of the super-rich only. However, post-pandemic that is not the case anymore. "Today, the idea of a second home is being widely accepted by the middle and upper-middle class. People in the service sector who are working from home or have adopted a hybrid model prefer to work in isolation away from the hustle and bustle. And the factors affecting their purchase are good internet and telecom, commuting convenience, medical infrastructure,among others," says Ritesh Mehta, senior director and head (West & North), residential services and developer initiatives, JLL India.

"There's a huge demand for holiday homes by the millennials and Gen X segment during these turbulent times as they wish to live in a spacious home in the lap of nature to spend quality time with families and friends while assuring productivity at work. Also, investing in second homes provides higher returns in the long and short term with assured rentals as well as property appreciation," adds Punit Agarwal, MD and CEO of a leading holiday homes development company in India.

The rising popularity of gated communities

According to a survey conducted by Savills India, almost 60 per cent of the respondents would like to invest in a second home in a gated community. "In the era of work from anywhere, people tend to cherish the limited sense of community living. Besides, gated communities allow the home-owners to enjoy facilities such as a swimming pool, gymnasium, jogging track, patios, sports arena, health centre and many other state-of-the-art amenities without having to worry about the maintenance of such provisions regularly. A sense of security is also an important factor, which works in favour of gated communities," mentions Pritam Chivukula, treasurer, CREDAI-MCHI.

Also, the shortage of electricity and damaged roads leading to the property adds to the hardships, believes Agarwal. "Gated communities come with diverse choices of configuration such as pool villas, resort apartments, row houses, etc. Buyers can enjoy the luxury of green open space, and modern amenities minus the congestion or pollution," he adds.

Trending localities

Many reputed developers have entered the second home market offering attractive products. "For Bengaluru, the demand has extended beyond Electronics City and concentrated along with the extension of Hosur Road and Sarjapur Road," says Subhankar Mitra, managing director, advisory services, Colliers India.

Will second homes continue to garner interest?

Owning a second home offers an asset creation opportunity. In India real estate has been traditionally looked upon as an intelligent, safe, and wise investment decision. Its tangible nature further adds weightage and credibility to the asset class. Hence, experts believe that the vacation home segment will continue to perform well as long as it meets the expectation of the customers.

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

CORMORANT CHRONICLES

This image was clicked at Bhadra Tiger Reserve. On a boat safari, as the sun rose, I noticed the birds on a dead tree in between the river.

The picture was clicked by BM reader **Lakshya R Kothari, 10 years**

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Look, it's the surface of the moon!

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The road at Tooba Layout, Thanisandra, opposite Element Mall, resembles the surface of a crater more than a stretch of road. The road was dug up approximately five - six years ago for laying down drainage pipes. Residents complain that since then, authorities responsible for deteriorating the condition of the road have not made any efforts to rectify the problem.

One of the residents, who requested to remain unnamed, said that the road has been in this state for many years and commuting is a Herculean task.

"Traversing via two-wheelers has become very dangerous. If anyone is even slightly unmindful, he or she will definitely get into some accident."

The road has also not been tarred. The loose rocks on the road rub against each other which results in a lot of dust.

The unstable condition of the road has also made it very dangerous for heavy vehicles to commute through it.

For nearly six years, the road opposite Element Mall has been wearing a crumbly, uneven look

A resident of the area said, "The untarred roads mixed with the debris of the stones has made the place very difficult to live in. Every time I travel through that road, I end up having a headache."

The lack of streetlights in the area is yet another headache, they add. Shobha K, a homemaker residing in the area, said, "My parents are quite old. They have a habit of going out for walks in the evening. Given the condition of the road and the lack of streetlights, I always worry when they go out."

According to her, there is always a lot of traffic on this street and cars honk all the time; due to this, there is too much noise pollution. "Keeping the windows open is not even an option."

The residents have pleaded a lot of times with the authorities to take steps and improve the condition of the road. However, no efforts have been made so far.

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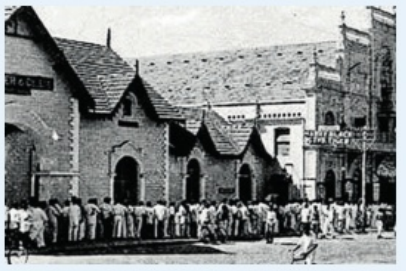

Remember Liberty Begum?

In the 1940s, the sight of a red Buick zipping down MG Road was common. Alighting from the car was a stern woman, Akhter Begum, roughly in her 50s. Liberty Begum, she was called, mixed awe with fear. The prefix in her name came from the century-old cinema hall in Bengaluru that she owned.

Though Liberty was just one among colonial theatres like Empire and Plaza, what differentiated it was the begum's presence. The begum, who also owned the controversial Begum Mahal in Halasuru, presided over the Liberty administration and personally monitored all the shows.

It is curious that no one really knows what happened to the begum or her family after Liberty shut down in the 1970s. She just remains part of the city's collective memory.

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TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

What can the government do to spread awareness on increasing the green cover in Bengaluru?

Suma Arun
The government could provide free tree guards to RWAs and residents who are keen on planting new saplings/ replacing dead tree spaces. Instead of constructing air-conditioned spaces at bus stops, they could construct bus/ auto shelters under huge trees.

Gurudeep Tonse
Government should create awareness by conducting regular drives to plant more saplings and increase afforestation. They should also encourage people to use public transport and other means of transport like cycling and walking to reduce carbon footprint.

Sundeep
The government should mandate rain water harvesting and wet waste composting in all wards. They should plan to plant native trees on roadside avenues and public places.

Dr SJ Govindaraj
We need to look at educational institutions for encouraging biodiversity. Green cover can also be sought with public utility spaces, parks within the city limits. I think tech parks are already working with vertical gardens; where ever there is a constraint of space this could be a very good option. Transformation into green space will definitely help us with move ahead with more surreal tranquillity.

V Kiran
Enforce policies mandating a minimum of two trees in every plot and more on bigger ones. At least one (local species) tree in front of every house on the street, should be there; rules to nurture and protect them. Earlier, till the early 70s, there was a mandate to grow two trees on every housing plot.

Arvind Dwarakanath
The government needs to ensure existing trees are protected or relocated. Plant newer ones. Reduce the Co2 footprint by using sustainable modes of transport. If this is not done soon, we may face a terrible future.

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What is the one thing you miss about Bengaluru from the olden days that is no longer there now?

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The facade of war

The world, it would seem, has changed much in the past week.

Just like the 11 MPs of the labour party were intimidated by that political outfit in the UK for endorsing a 'Stop the War' campaign, anybody who's advocating against war is now unwelcome and by default branded a Putin supporter.

Armed conflicts between nations reveal much about our vices — like the plain absurdity of the aforementioned logic — which usually stays dormant in the dark recesses of the human psyche.

This applies to the 'Russian invasion of Ukraine' too, if not for the blitzkrieg mounted by the western press. Efforts to diffuse the situation are almost non-existent.

Well, then, who does not want to stop the ongoing 'war' or 'invasion'? Truth is the US-led sabre-rattlers, especially Boris and Biden, surely don't want to as it suits them.

Some of the 'independent media entities' that shamelessly demand money for 'independent journalism' each time one visits their websites, now running an open campaign for the west are those that glibly published advertisements on how a 'ruthless' monarch is empowering women in Saudi Arabia.

The true nature of the 'civilised' humans of the west has never been on display in the recent past as it has been since the past week. It is far worse than anyone in the 'uncivilised' world back here in the east could have fathomed. 'Blonde hair and blue eyes indeed need saving', not some 'uncivilised uncouth heathen in Iraq or Afghanistan', as a western reporter put it.

The most appalling aspect of it all is the utmost disregard of the world leaders for human dignity. On the backdrop of Russia's invasion of its neighbour which the former calls a special operation to 'demilitarise and denazify' Ukraine, the undercurrents that hold together the neoliberal order have finally come to light.

The initial reaction of the PMO here as news of stranded Indian students in Ukraine emerged is telling — 'why are our children studying abroad, in such a small nation? Can't they study here?'

Waxing eloquently in the UP election stage about the evacuation of students from Poland and Romania 'made possible due to India's grand standing in the global stage', one could overlook, but not the primary reaction.

What the pliant press here should be taking note of instead are the increasingly appealing speeches of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Akhilesh Yadav rather than letting the rhetoric die in the din of the incumbent's desperation that makes even Ukraine a poll issue.

That said, de-escalation of the conflict is what the world must focus on, even though powers that

Tower of Babel/Pieter Bruegel the Elder

be suggest otherwise in the social/media echo chamber.

In fact, this 'war' has once again exposed the deep rooted racism of the west, expansionism of the US backed by Nato, a servile European leadership, frustrations of an isolated, defensive and angry Russian leader, and nevertheless the media farce.

Efforts to make what was essentially a long-standing border skirmish between two neighbours — such as India and Pakistan or India and China — into a crisis of global proportions are evident.

The Rohingya exodus, people of Yemen — 200 of them massacred just recently, nor an abandoned Afghanistan, why none of these evoked a similar response from the global order is curious. The American-owned social media accused of perpetuating violence, essentially a 'genocide' in Myanmar, is now blocking posts that don't sit well with the west.

In the name of furthering freedom of expression, what the social media has dealt is a body blow to the minds of generations of youth who have no clue of the chronology of events that has led to this fiasco since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It feels as though we are in a period drama on Netflix or Amazon.

The case of the open call to mercenaries to fight Russia in Ukraine, through social and mainstream media, when Ukrainians are scrambling to board a train to life elsewhere is an all out cry for another world war when we have a barrage of issues to deal with from the climate emergency to rising inequality. Surely, this is not a situation that just came to be, if one is to examine the historical context.

What the US must recognise is a multipolar world in 2022, not one where only Americans call the shots given the massive demographic strength of the global south aspiring to a decent, not dictated, life. At the least, the west should consider the post pandemic economic fallout and take serious note of the IPCC's bleak climate warning.

This 'war' is not even about political ideology or cultures even — it is about what suits the ones in power. So, we are seeing rather bizarre positions of certain nations including India's, where the stance on the Russia-Ukraine crisis does not resonate with the 'usual' policy.

Day 9 and still stranded

Sounds of sirens and explosions surround students who are yet to leave Ukranian region of Sumy

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People remove debris at the site of a military base building destroyed by an air strike, in the Sumy region

It's been nine days and we are still stuck at our hostel rooms in Sumy, a northeastern city in Ukraine bordering Russia by 60 km, says Deepika Gupta, a 24-year-old Indian student pursuing final year MBBS at the Sumy State University. A native of Dewas in Madhya Pradesh, she said that she is in constant touch with her family members. "Our contractor named Ramesh Joseph informs us about the curfew timings and the times of times of sirens and alarms when the firing, shelling and the bombing happens. Whenever we hear it or we get alert messages on our phones, we run to the basement which are bunkers," she says.

The hostel buildings are nine-storied and filled with students of the University from foreign countries and Ukraine. "On the top floor we have some Ukrainian students whose hometowns are not in this city and along with us there are also Arabs and African students staying at the hostel," Deepika said. There are more than 700 Indian students both boys and girls from almost all the states, stranded at the hostel.

"The problem we have here is the closest border for us is Russia which is 60 km away, but the Ukrainian government is not giving clearance for us to move towards those borders on foot as both the Ukranian military along with armed Ukranian civilians are fighting the Russian military on ground," Deepika says. Besides that, the railway lines in Sumy have been bombed by the Russians and the train services have stopped so that the Ukranian military cannot use it. Most of the bridges in Sumy and some of the major roads have also been bombed so that no vehicles also can pass through these ways, the students stated.

"From the Russian border, we are told that Embassy officials of various countries including India are waiting with buses for evacuation of their respective country's citizens, but how to get there is our concern," she added.

Deepika and her hostel mates said that the Russians had bombed a power plant in Sumy on Thursday night and since then the electricity has gone and the water supply has stopped. Another student on anonymity said they are not getting response from the Indian Embassy. "We just get to know about the advisories from their Facebook page and there isn't much help coming in the way from the officials of the Indian Embassy in Ukraine," the student said.

'Body will be brought when flights operational'

Karnataka BJP MLA Arvind Bellad has said the body of Naveen Shekarappa Gyanagouda, who was killed in shelling in Ukraine on March 1, would occupy space that could be utilised to evacuate 10 to 12 stranded people from the war-torn country.

Underlining that the Government of India as well as the Karnataka government have been making every effort to bring the body of Naveen from Kharkiv in Ukraine, the Hubballi Dharwad West MLA stressed that the place where the body is kept is a war zone and it was difficult to bring it back to India under current circumstances.

"It is a war zone. You all are showing the ground situation on television through your channels. Body will be brought once the flight services become operational," Bellad said on Thursday.

"In a situation when bringing the living people is proving to be difficult, it will be even more difficult to bring the body because it occupies more space. In place of it, 10 to 12 people can be brought," the BJP MLA said. The ruling party legislator also noted that students migrate to chase their dream of getting a medical degree abroad because of hefty fees in India.

Naveen, a native of Chalageri in Haveri district, was holed in with others in a bunker in Kharkiv. On March 1, he ventured out to get some food, water and exchange currency notes when he was killed in shelling. —PTI

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Green Hydrogen Policy
The Government of Karnataka intends to formulate a Green Hydrogen Policy in collaboration with the Central Government's ambitious "National Green Hydrogen Mission". The Government will also explore a Green Hydrogen pilot project in a PPP model.

Sporty moves
A Pay and Play system will be introduced to upgrade the stadiums in the State for proper management, and making them economically self reliant. General Thimmaiah National Adventure Sports Academy will be upgraded by providing adventure sports infrastructure.

Air ambulance
Encouragement will be given to commence private air ambulance services for providing emergency medical services and saving lives. This move is likely to be a big boost for transporting organs required for patients who need emergency transplations.

It's a simple process
Recognising the difficulties due to delay caused by the process of obtaining permission of several departments for construction of houses and formation of residential layouts, the Government is proposing to simplify the approval process.

SIDELIGHTS

3Es
While PM Narendra Modi's mantra has been 'Sabka Vikas, Sabka Saath', CM Bommai seems to have coined his own mantra with his maiden budget. During Friday's budget, he said, "Our aspiration is to increase the involvement and participation of all the people in the State economy. For this, we have adopted the 3 Es mantra – Employment, Education and Empowerment for the upliftment of weaker sections."

Taking on AP
Ever since TTD announced that the birthplace of Hanuman was near Tirupati, there has been pressure to promote Anjanadri. Hence, Bommai decided to take on AP stating, "A scheme will be formulated for comprehensive development of Koppal district's Anjanadri hill which is known as the birth place of Shri Anjaneya Swamy. Works related to providing basic facilities, rope-way to the tourists will be completed at a cost of Rs.100 crore."

What's in a name?
CM has been very careful in choosing the name of his pet schemes. He has coined a new brand–Bhima pulse (reflecting the areas near Bhima river bank) for Tur dal grown in Kalaburagi and Yadgir. He also named Punyakoti Dattu yojane to encourage public and the private institutions to adopt cows in the Goshalas.

Pleasing all
CM Bommai has walked a tightrope by pleasing all the communities. He announced a grant of Rs.10 crore for enhancing the capacity in post matric student hostels for minorities. For development of Christian community, he said that programmes will be formulated at an amount of Rs.50 crore. He also set aside Rs.50 crore for the development of Jain, Sikh and Buddhist communities. For preserving Wakf properties, he wants modern technology based survey.

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Bengaluru on my mind

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Report (DPR) to take up Phase 3 of the Bengaluru Metro project at an estimated cost of Rs 11,250 crore will be submitted to the Centre for approval. This covers a distance of 32 km on the outer ring road from Hebbal to JP Nagar and 13 km between Hosahalli and Kadabagere on Magadi Road. Action will be taken to prepare DPR in 2022-23 for construction of a 37 km-long new Metro line connecting Sarjapur to Hebbal through Agara, Koramangala and Dairy Circle at an estimated cost of Rs 15,000 crore. Of this, 16.8 km will be underground. CM stressed that the works for connecting the Metro stations with Indian Railways will be taken up at an expenditure of Rs 55 crore in Whitefield, KR Puram, Baiyappanahalli, Yeshwantpur, Jnanabharathi and Yelahanka railway stations.

PRR to be taken up
Probably, the PRR is the only project that seems to find a mention in almost all the budgets since SM Krishna was the CM. Now, Bommai said, "The government has approved the tender to implement the work at a cost of Rs 21,091 crore including land acquisition, in the current year under DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer) model. The contractor will bear the cost of land acquisition and construction."

Goraguntepalya flyover
To decongest traffic at Goraguntepalya Junction and enable signal free movement of all vehicles, grade separator and flyover works will be taken up jointly by the BBMP, BDA and NHAI. Around 2,671 acres of land has been acquired for the formation of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout; works are in progress.

Activists want implementation
Naresh Agarwal, a techie said, "It is nice to know that the CM who is also in charge of Bengaluru, has allocated a huge sum for the city. Our only concern is that it should not just remain on paper. Like PRR which is only seen on budget and not on ground, we want the projects to be executed at the earliest." Deepika R, a home maker said, "Unless the budget projects are fast tracked, the budget will lose its true meaning as it should not end up being mere announcements. As Bengalureans, we want announcements to be translated to actual work."

WHAT'S FOR BENGALURU?
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- Modular 500-bed facility at Bowring and Lady Curzon hospitals
- Dept of Foetal Medicine and Neonatology at Vani Vilas Hospital
- Organ Retrieval Centre at Institute of Gastroenterology and Organ transplant
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- Comprehensive development of Madiwala, Yele Mallappa Shetty lakes

A budget to shut opposition

Anything the Oppn would have used as ammo against the CM, he has incorporated in the Budget

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While CM Bommai presented his maiden budget, he made sure that he took on the opposition for various issues raised by them. During Friday's budget, CM announced a grant of Rs.1,000 crore for the Mekedatu balancing reservoir. Analysts say that this is CM's trump card to take on the Congress party which had recently organised a massive padayatra from Sangama to Bengaluru City (in two phases). The Congress party leaders have been harping on the issue stating that Mekedatu project was essential to provide drinking water needs of Bengaluru. This issue is sure to reflect in the coming BBMP polls. So, CM decided to allocate Rs 1,000 crore for providing water to Bengaluru under this scheme.

With the Ukraine crisis, the opposition parties, especially the JDS, have been targeting the State Govt over the NEET issue. While the NEET has been a pet scheme of BJP, the saffron party doesn't want to upset the Delhi High Command but also needs to take into consideration the plea of students. Hence, CM said, "In order to provide opportunities for poor children to enter Medical Colleges, the State Government would provide coaching for NEET exams in all taluks. State Government would facilitate loans from banks to poor students securing admission under Government quota seats in Government and Private Medical Colleges. Private Medical Colleges would be categorised into A, B, C and D categories and fees would be fixed by a panel."

No cut in tax on fuel in State with 'cheapest petrol, diesel'
It is imminent that fuel prices will soon go up once the elections in the five states conclude. Hence, there is demand from many quarters to reduce taxes so that the fuel prices can be under check. However, the budget dashed all such hopes as there has been no proposal for a cut in taxes on fuel. However, CM Bommai defended this stating, "Realising the difficulties caused by second and third waves of Covid, sales tax on petrol and diesel was reduced in November 2021. Due to this, the Petrol and Diesel rates had come down by Rs 7 per litre. Compared to other South Indian States, the rates of petrol and diesel are cheaper in Karnataka."

Crunching figures
500 crore will be provided for the development of infrastructure in the Government schools of the State. Priority will be given for selected Aspirational Talukas under this grant.

3,012 crore: In the financial year 2022–23, grants of Rs.3,012 crore will be provided for the protection of cultural, historical and natural resources.

33,700 crore: A total grant of Rs.33,700 crore is provided to the agriculture and allied activities sector

8,409 crore: A total of Rs.8,409 crore has been allocated for comprehensive development of Bengaluru city.

68,479 crore: A total allocation of Rs.68,479 crore is provided for the Inclusive Growth and welfare sector.

We had an eye on these

The city of parks all set to get its biggest park ever
House hunting cyber scamsters

Vajapayee Park
'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Park' announced over 350 acres of govt land in Jarakabande, Yelahanka similar to Lalbagh-Cubbon parks.

A date in March for delayed K-RIDE project
When eight travel on Sathyamangalam forest route

Boost for K-Ride
Bengaluru Suburban railway project is proposed to be completed by 2026 at an estimated expenditure of Rs.15,267 crore.

No silt! 28-km waterway revamp is well on its way
Love lost and found during covid

Waterway away!
Under the K-100 Citizens' Water Way project, Koramangala Rajakaluve is being developed at an estimated Rs.195 crore.

Mobile jammers, subsidy for films and more...

With mobile phones being easily accessed from central prison, the State govt has decided to go for high-tech technology. CM Bommai said, "To prevent the usage of mobile phones and to inspect and detect other prohibited articles, State of the art equipment and mobile jammers will be installed in the prisons."

200 films to get subsidy

The State Govt has been supporting the Kannada film industry by providing subsidies. Earlier, only 125 movies were given subsidies. Now Bommai has proposed to extend it to 200 movies. While the film fraternity welcomes the move, they are demanding transparency in the process.

IT upgrade

Many would wait for days to get a site registered as the server was always 'down'. Now, the CM has said that the basic infrastructure and IT equipment of the Sub-registrar offices will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.406 crore. Through this, basic facilities will be provided to the public in the Sub-registrar's office.

Blue plastic management

For the first time in the country, an innovative "Blue-Plastic Management Scheme" will be brought into force with assistance of the World Bank in the next five years at a cost of Rs.840 crore to address the issue of plastics polluting water resources in the coastal areas.

Plug and Play
A plug and play infrastructure facility with suitable common infrastructures and basic amenities would be created in the flatted factory concept in Bengaluru Rural, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Dharwad districts with the support of Central Government's TIES scheme.

Going digital

Digital libraries will be established across the State by the Department of Public Libraries and the digital libraries already established by all departments will be integrated with the Department of Public Libraries. Free coaching facility will be provided through online platforms for KPSC, UPSC, SSC, Banking, Railway, CDS, NEET, JEE and other various competitive examinations under a new scheme named "Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Margadarshini".

Ropeways

Hotel and rope-way development work will be undertaken at Jog falls of Sagar taluk, Shivamogga at a cost of approximately Rs.116 crore under PPP model. Approval has been given to develop Rope-way in Nandi hills at cost of Rs.93 crore in Public Private Partnership model. A scheme will be framed to develop Rope-way at Uttara Kannada district's Yana in PPP model.

Mini food parks
Mini Food Parks will be established through Public Private Partnership in phases in all the districts of the State to augment income of farmers by encouraging value addition, strengthening supply chain and preventing pilferage of Agricultural/ Horticultural produce.

Public transport on smart track

Mysuru City Corp adding 1,000 bicycles, new track to transport infrastructure; public can unlock these via phones, cards

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Mysuru City Corporation had implemented Trin Trin, a Public Bicycle System in Mysuru five years ago. The project received an overwhelmingly positive response from citizens. So, the corporation decided to make the system smarter. Now, Mysuru will be adding one thousand bicycles and a separate cycle track to it's public transport infrastructure.

Citizens will be able to access the cycle service using smartphones. Users will be able to travel all over the city and park the cycles anywhere in Mysuru once done.

For this, the corporation has decided to create 100 bicycle hubs. It has invited a tender to implement the project in the city; it will be implemented at the end of this month, said Mahesh, engineer, Mysuru City Corporation.

"We are building cycle tracks on the main roads to encourage the public to use bicycles. With this (the implementation of the project) there will be more than one thousand bicycles available for the use of the public," the engineer said.

Trin Trin included 450 bicycles and 48 stands that are currently being used in the city. With this, more than one thousand bicycles are also available for public usage. This is a step towards promoting environment-friendly commuting.

The bicycles can be locked and unlocked through smartphones only. Each bicycle is enabled with a GPS system and is theft-resistant. In the new arrangement, there is no cycle docking system, instead, cyclists can leave bicycles anywhere in the city. Users can use smartphones or cards to unlock cycles.

Tender for bicycle track

As the number of bicycle users have increased, the corporation has decided to build the bicycle track. There will be three to four bicycle tracks in the city. In the first stage, an 8.7-km track for Rs 3.3 crore will be built. JLB Road, Sita Vilas Road, Bogadi Road, Vishwamanava Road, Krishnaraja Boulevard Road, Chamaraja Jodi Road, New Kantharaj Urs Road are included in the first stage. A tender has been invited for this. Afterward, the corporation will build bicycle tracks on roads that receive the most traffic.

White Stone Hill caves in, workers feared trapped

Several labourers were feared to be trapped inside the White Stone Hill caves of Madahalli village in the Bilikallu quarry area near Chamarajanagar district's Gundlupet here on Friday. The hill suddenly collapsed while the mineworkers were inside the cave. As a result, big boulders of the white stone rolled down the hill and collided with the tipper trucks, vehicles, causing them to overturn.

The police and the fire department personnel rushed to the spot and carried out operations along with the local villagers, to rescue trapped workers from inside the mine. According to the officials, six labourers, who were trapped inside, have been rescued so far.

Solving auto chip shortage with IISc technology

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have been collaborating with a semiconductor foundry under the IMPRINT programme of the Government of India, which could provide a solution to serious shortage of chips in the automotive industry.

The IISc team embarked upon developing an indigenous technology platform for manufacturing automotive (analog) chips to be used for commercial and strategic applications, an official statement from IISc stated on Friday.

From early 2021, the automotive industry worldwide has been facing a serious shortage of chips. There are several reasons that contribute to this shortage, one of which is the increasing demand for automotive and consumer goods (most of their parts are driven by electronics). Like the rest of the world, Indian automotive manufacturers have also been affected by this shortage significantly.

Automotive chips are different from the conventional processor chips used in devices such as smartphones and laptops. An automotive chip (also referred to as a power ASIC) needs to handle various tasks simultaneously, including instrumentation, sensing and control of various electro-mechanical parts.

Hijab row leads to confrontation between two colleges

The controversy over wearing a hijab resurfaced in Dakshina Kannada district of Mangaluru on Friday.

This time two groups of students from P Dayananda Pai and the P satish Pai Government First Grade college in Mangaluru confronted each other over the hijab issue.

However, the police restored normalcy in the college campus. The principals of the colleges have allowed the students to wear a cloth around their head and appear for exams in the college. The students have been told not to use pins over the cloth which resembles a hijab.

The girl students, who appeared for the exams with a piece of cloth around their head, were met with protests by a few students who asked the former to leave the examination hall. This led to an argument between the two groups of students leading to a confrontation.

Later, the students started quarrelling at the entrance of the college. However, the police rushed to the spot and took control of the situation.

The principals of the colleges also held a peace meeting and the situation is under control now, according to the police.

The students have expressed their anger over the incident as the college was not affected with the hijab row until now, though it surfaced in other colleges.

Hiba Sheik, a student, said the issue has been festering since the last month and why is the government interfering in the matter.

"We (Muslim girl students) were allowed permission inside the college premises and have been told that we can also sit in the library and study. The principal has also assured us of organising online classes for us," she added.

The principal has asked the girls to wear shawls around their heads, letters have been sent it and the latter had taken permission before going to the examination hall.

The High Court has constituted a special bench to look into the issue. The BJP government has claimed that it is the handiwork of a few organisations to disturb peace in the state.However, the students who started the pro-hijab protest maintained that they are protesting without help from any organisation.

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State to get 7 Karnataka Institutes of Technology

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has decided to upgrade a number of engineering colleges and transform them into Karnataka Institutes of Technology (KITs) to provide quality teaching and learning modules and promote research in the field of technological education. As a part of Bommai's project, seven government engineering colleges will be upgraded to KITs in the beginning. For this, the higher education department will enter an MoU with prestigious foreign universities for KITs.

Bommai said a plan will be prepared to strengthen education and take up more constructive activities in Kannada University of Hampi, which is the centre of studies of rich literature, culture and heritage of Karnataka.

To make the government institutes more competitive, Bommai has proposed to bring 215 Government First Grade Colleges under the NAAC accreditation process and courses in 40 Government Polytechnic Colleges and four Government Engineering Colleges under NBA accreditation.

While technical education has received a boost, there is a great demand for postgraduate medical courses. The demand is so high, only a handful of seats are available each year.

Bommai has proposed to start postgraduate medical courses at district level. For this, state government-run hospitals with more than 200 beds will be converted into teaching hospitals after obtaining the approval of the National Medical Council. In the current year, postgraduate medical courses will be started in Tumakuru District Government Hospital.

Bommai said, "We have provided a substantial increase in allocation for education, health and nutrition. In this direction, new Universities, Model Schools, Bengaluru Public Schools, Karnataka Institute of Technology and new Community Health Centres have been proposed. Action is taken to make available the services of specialist and well versed medical services locally. Sufficient schemes have been formulated to eradicate malnutrition."

HEALTH TIP: The blue light emitted by the screen can hamper your sleep especially when the device is used close to bedtime

Berries help to stimulate the production of the thyroid hormones and keep them functioning smoothly

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THE MANE INGREDIENT

Look for foods rich in biotin to help boost hair growth; studies suggest it could yield positive results in 90 to 120 days

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Your hair growth can stop or slow down for a number of reasons ranging from age, hormones, genetics, environmental factors, or stress. Nonetheless, not getting the right nutrition remains an important factor for hair loss or inadequate hair growth. You've probably heard of foods rich in biotin for hair growth being touted as effective in this regard.

Benefits

This essential nutrient is a water-soluble vitamin, part of the vitamin B family. It is also called vitamin B7 or vitamin H. Biotin is mainly obtained through diet, and it contributes to healthy hair, skin, and nails. Deficiency of this vitamin can lead to hair loss, hair discoloration, and also scaly rashes on the skin.

Biotin not only reduces hair fall but also helps in hair regrowth through a natural hair growth cycle. Thus, this nutrient can help stop hair loss. Biotin can be found as an ingredient in various shampoos, conditioners, creams, and hair oils. Using these hair care products can improve hair quality, make hair shine, and increase hair thickness. Biotin helps in the creation of amino acids that make up the infrastructure of keratin, which is the basic hair protein. As such, biotin helps strengthen your hair. Foods rich in biotin for hair growth nourish hair by helping carry nutrients and oxygen to the hair follicles. Biotin also prevents hair from damage.

Some studies suggest that it may take up to 90 to 120 days for positive results such as increased hair growth and shine to show. Be sure to stay consistent in consumption for the best results.

Food sources

Broccoli: One of the most nutrient-dense vegetables, broccoli is rich in dietary fibre and vitamins A and C. But it's also a great source of biotin. Snack on it raw with some hummus or turn it into soup for a filling and nutritious meal.

Sweet Potato: This is one of the best foods rich in biotin for hair growth; 125 grams of cooked sweet potato can give you 2.4 mcg of biotin. Eat them baked or steamed as a snack or turn them into fun patties for veggie burgers.

Spinach: Half a cup of boiled spinach gives you 0.5 mcg of biotin. And of course, this green leafy vegetable is packed with iron, calcium, folic acid, and other nutrients.

Cauliflower: You can get about 17 mcg of biotin from a single serving of cauliflower.

Legumes: Lentils, peas, beans are all excellent sources of protein and other essential nutrients like biotin. Peanuts and soybeans contain the most biotin amongst all legumes.

Nuts and seeds: An excellent source of healthy fats, protein, fibre, and more, nuts and seeds are also packed with biotin. However, the amount of biotin in nuts and seeds varies by type. Snack on almonds and sunflower seeds, or add a mix of nuts to your baked goods or salads.

Mushrooms: These offer several health benefits owing to being rich in various micronutrients. Use canned or fresh mushrooms in your recipes for a healthy dose of biotin – just 70 grams of button mushroom can give you 5.6 mcg of biotin.

Eggs: Eat them scrambled or hard-boiled, eggs are packed with B vitamins and other nutrients. Egg yolk, in particular, is a rich source of biotin. One whole cooked egg can give you approximately 10 mcg of this essential vitamin.

Cheese: Dairy products are foods rich in biotin for hair growth. In cheeses, go for blue cheese or camembert for the most amount of this nutrient.

Banana: About 100 grams of this delicious fruit can provide 0.2 mcg of biotin. Bananas are packed with fibre, potassium, copper, so make sure you add this fruit to your daily diet.

Avocado: 200 grams of this rich fruit can give you around 1.8 mcg of biotin. So if you're looking for foods rich in biotin for hair growth, indulge in this one in the form of guacamole or eat raw or topped on toast!

ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS, OVERDOSE

Most individuals won't face any problems with biotin supplements, but some might undergo side effects like nausea, cramps, and etc. Ingest your biotin supplement with a proper meal. Most importantly, speak to your doctor before taking any supplements.
A biotin overdose is unlikely, as this nutrient is water-soluble, so if you ingest extra, it will be flushed out of your system through urine. Moreover, biotin doesn't have any known interaction with other medications. However, if you notice a red rash on your skin or any other symptoms, consult your doctor immediately. Low vitamin B6 and C levels, high blood sugar, reduced insulin production can signal a biotin overdose. Always check with your doctor for recommended dosage for supplements, and always read labels before buying and consuming such items.

MIND, BODY & HEART

All you need to know about...

Dear Coleen

I've been married for four years and we have a baby, who's nearly a year old. My problem is, I think my husband has developed a crush on a female colleague and it's really upsetting me.
I'm not sure he even knows he's doing it, but he speaks about her a lot in glowing terms and it makes me feel hurt, jealous and insecure.
She joined his team about six months ago and she's a few years younger.
He talks about how great she is at her job mostly and how much she's achieved at only 28, but it's how often he mentions her that bothers me.
Am I making too much of this or is there real cause for concern?

COLEEN SAYS

Well, speaking about a colleague (or anyone else) of the opposite sex can be a red flag for an emotional affair.
It doesn't sound as if he's talking to her out of hours or texting and meeting up, but that would obviously be concerning because it shows he's becoming emotionally close to another woman.
I think you have to tell him how often he's mentioning this colleague and how it makes you feel. Let's face it, who wants to keep being told how great another woman is, especially if he's not showing how much he appreciates you.
If you feel you're not as close or connected as you were before the baby came along, then start making your relationship a priority.
It's so easy to put it on the back burner and "get to it later" when you're busy and tired. Maybe this is a wake-up call and will actually bring you closer if you both make the effort.

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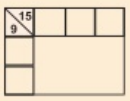
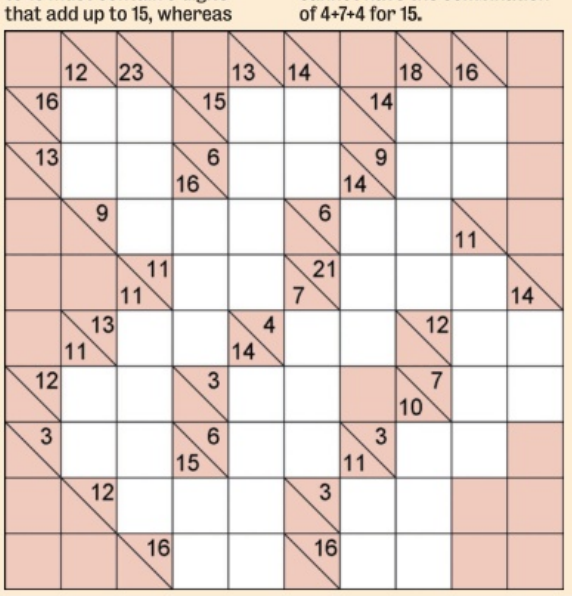
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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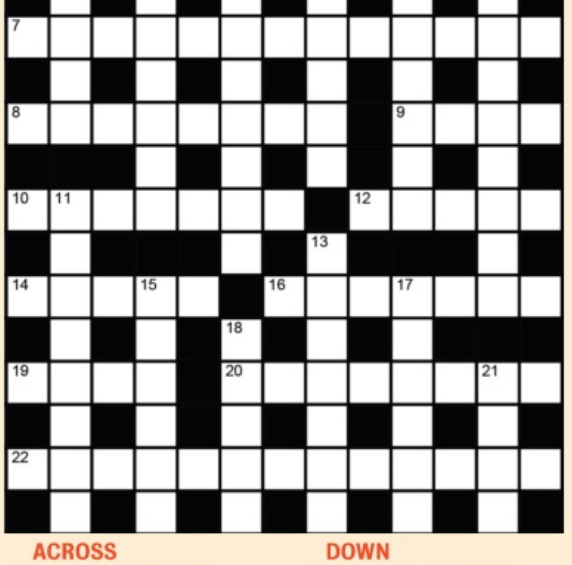


ACROSS

7 Personal belongings; equipment (13)
8 Told, recounted or reported (8)
9 Greek God of war (4)
10 A light shower (7)
12 Explosive sounds (5)
14 Jeer (5)
16 Display of daring (7)
19 Not in a busy way (4)
20 Formerly Siam (8)
22 Not informed (13)

DOWN

1 Zhivago's heroine (4)
2 Large Iranian city (6)
3 Bobbin-like device (7)
4 In a raw state (5)
5 Great American canal (6)
6 Took a different path (8)
11 Ebbing or flowing back (8)
13 Bangalore cinema home to India's first 4k screen (7)
15 Moving through the air (6)
17 Highly esteemed (6)
18 Greek dialect (5)
21 Lack of something (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS O

GO'F NRQK EMQU OP OMAR KPYQFRZW OPP FRQGPYFZK JERS KPY ZPPA MO OER JPQZU WQPL PYORQ FCMIR.

Linemaro

Are you OK? Because heaven is a long fall from here

Mindchow

You can hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in the mind

Joke of the day

The quietest place in the world is the complaint department at a parachute packing plant

Loop

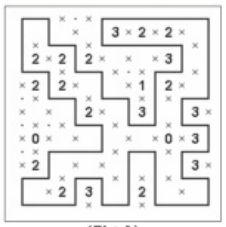
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

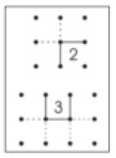
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

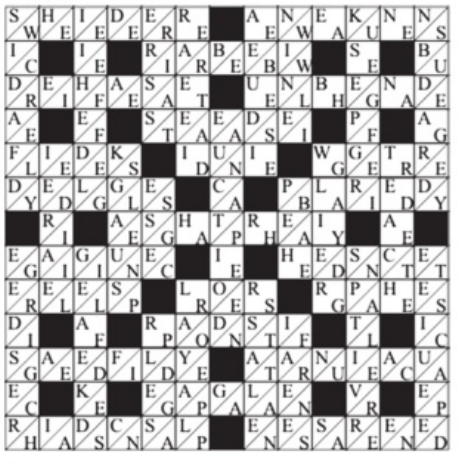


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

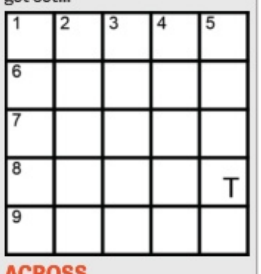
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

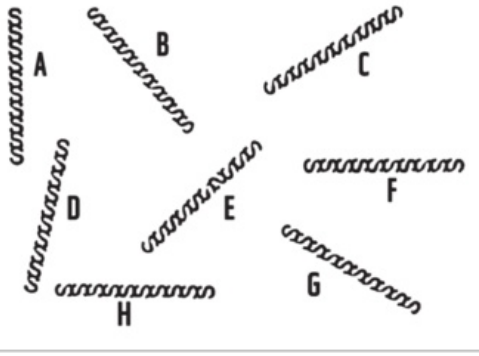
1 Acorn; 6 La Lau;
7 LAN us; 8 To Cur;
9 Sophy

DOWN

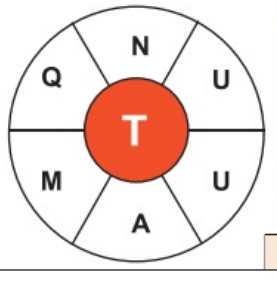
1 Nucha; 2 Loyal;
3 Up urn (3-2); 4 Carol;
5 A toss

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5				1				3
8	6		2		4		9	7
			9		6			
		1	7		2	4		
		9				7		
		8	3		1	6		
			1		8			
7	8		5		3		1	4
3				7				8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3
1 2 7 8

Medium = 2
2 4 5 5

Hard = 9
1 3 3 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

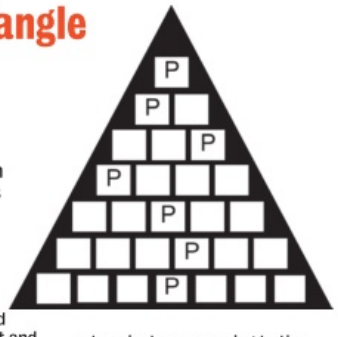
Differences: 1. Ottoman is turned. 2. Drawer is added. 3. Phone is moved. 4. Legs are shorter. 5. Hat is turned around. 6. Boy is moved.

Riddler

What emotion is an anagram of a homonym of an antonym of a homonym of an anagram of wolf?

Alpha triangle

1 Sixteenth letter
2 Dad
3 Headgear
4 Tempo
5 Frolic
6 Home-away-from home on wheels
7 Liken



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THESE CARDS ARE COLLECTIBLE, YOU SAY?
I WOULDN'T HOLD YOUR BREATH.
YOU GOTTA HAVE PARTICULAR CARDS TO MAKE ANY MONEY OFF OF THESE.
THEN WHY COLLECT?
I LIKE HAVING THINGS.
I SEE.

Crankshaft

Mutts

SO, HOW WAS YOUR STAYCATION ?
WELL...
IT SHTARTED OUT OKAY, BUT THEN BEING IN THE SAME OL' ROOMS WITH THE SAME OL' FURNITURE AND THE SAME OL' PEOPLE DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY...
UGH!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy with matters related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You may receive an order which may boost your family business. Your network may help you to complete your tasks successfully. You may receive some smart gains if you apply a little effort.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Arrogance may affect your decisionmaking. Blessings of your elders may help recover from messy situations. Avoid investing in dead assets. Love birds must avoid discussing orthless topics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
In the begining you may lose focus on work. Elders' blessings may help you deal with messy situations. You may easily find resources, which might be important for the completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased. Losses may convert into profits, which may boost your financial health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may receive a big order from a new client. This may increase liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet an influential person, who may help you to grow your business. Your bond with your boss may become strong and you may expect promotions because of your hard work. Your prestige may increase now.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by your elders. This may grant you patience. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit a spiritual place to seek peace of mind and ou may donate to a spiritual place for development. You may expect overseas travelling.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues, which may affect your work. Fear will make you emotional. Avoid rash driving and adventurous tours. You will also be attracted by occult. Seek God for relief.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may enjoy time with your family. You may spend romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost understanding between you both. You may spend money to buy artefacts or household items to renovate your home. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel happy and energetic; may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence. You can face any type of challenges. You will become fearless and courageous. You are advised to be patient while taking some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may peak; regulate it. Your confidence will grow and help improve your image in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may not be able to enjoy your work and family life. Arrogance and ego will affect your spouse and your emotional bonding with them. Problems in partnerships may be resolved. Singles must avoid to hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. Patience may help you overcome messy situations.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with the support of your subordinates. You may be involved in social or family get togethers, which may boost your network. You may go for short business-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, is a good day. Your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may control your spending on worthless stuff, which may boost savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversations with their partner; otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.

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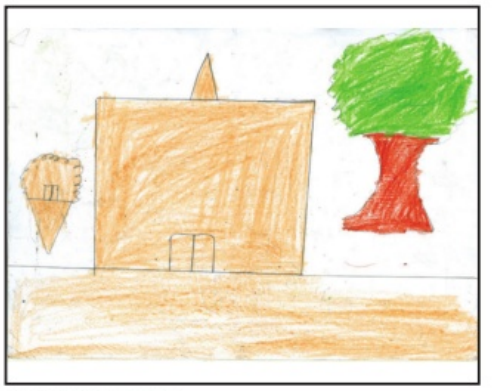
Vaishali, 9 years, Bengaluru



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BULL'S EYE
aunt, autumn, QUANTUM, tuna

FAST FIVE

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RIDDLER
Fear. The anagram of wolf is fowl. The homonym of fowl is foul. The antonym of foul is fair. The homonym of fair is fare. The anagram of fare is fear, which is the emotion.

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
E. The design consists of the letter S repeated 10 times, but in E one of them is the wrong way round.

QUOTE UNCODE
It's very hard to take yourself too seriously when you look at the world from outer space.

SUDOKU

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9	4	5	1	2	8	3	7	6
7	8	2	5	6	3	9	1	4
3	1	6	4	7	9	5	2	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Gap, Pace, Caper, Camper, Compare.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 – 7 x 1 + 8 = 3
Medium
4 / 2 – 5 + 5 = 2
Hard
3 + 2 + 3 + 1 = 9

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Demi Lovato opts out of acting in Hungry
American singer and actor Demi Lovato, who has been a part of the upcoming comedy pilot 'Hungry', will no longer be acting in it. She stepped down from her acting duty just prior to the start of production

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No kisses please

Prabhas reveals that he is 'uncomfortable' removing his shirt and kissing on screen

Fans of south superstar Prabhas are waiting with bated breath for the release of his upcoming film, 'Radhe Shyam' co-starring Pooja Hegde. The romantic hero recently revealed that he still feels uncomfortable kissing on screen!

Yes, you read that right! At a promotional event recently, Prabhas revealed during a media interaction that his upcoming film is filled with such scenes as it is a romantic movie. "The director wrote like that and it's a love story, so I can't even say no. In a commercial film, we can still avoid it but in love stories, it is needed."

Elaborating further, he added, "Even now, I get uncomfortable with kissing scenes and removing my shirt. I check how many people are there on sets and say let's go and do somewhere else. In 'Chatrapati' also, Rajamouli sir made me remove my shirt on the sets and said you can now do anything."

Apart from Prabhas and Pooja, 'Radhe Shyam' also stars Bhagyashree, Sachin Khedekar, Priyadarsi Pulikonda, and Murli Sharma among others. The film has been simultaneously shot in Telugu and Hindi languages. It will hit the theatres on March 11, 2022.

On the work front, while Prabhas has Nag Ashwin's next with Amitabh Bachchan and Deepika Padukone, Pooja has 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali' with Salman Khan.

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Anushka cheers for hubby

In an awe-worthy moment, Anushka accompanied Virat Kohli to the field before kickstarting his 100th test match. He was bestowed with a ceremonial cap by former cricketer Rahul Dravid to mark his achievement before beginning the game against Sri Lanka in the first of the two-test series. While Anushka looked like a vision in white during the ceremony, their daughter Vamika was also present at the venue as she cheered with Virat's mother and brother from the stadium stand.

Not real folks!

A few days ago, a photo went viral on social media that showed Salman Khan and Sonakshi Sinha secretly getting married. However, soon it was proved that the picture was fake.

Now, Sonakshi has reacted to a post on a social news aggregator. Reacting to one such post, Sonakshi commented, "Are you so dumb that you can't tell the difference between a real and a morphed picture." She followed her post with three laughing emojis.

In the picture, Salman is seen putting a ring on Sonakshi's finger. While Salman looked dashing as ever in a white shirt and beige jacket, Sonakshi looked gorgeous in a traditional red saree with heavy jewellery and sindoor. Needless to say, the photo was heavily photoshopped.

The picture was reportedly shared widely on social media by various accounts claiming different things. While some claimed the wedding took place in Dubai, others added that it was a hush hush wedding in Mumbai.

Sonakshi, who made her big Bollywood debut with Salman in 'Dabangg', has been a part of the popular franchise.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Sonakshi will next be seen in 'Double XL' co-starring Huma Qureshi in the lead role. Apart from that, she also has 'Kakuda' with Riteish Deshmukh and Saqib Saleem.

Salman, on the other hand, has 'Tiger 3' in his pipeline. The film also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi in lead roles. It is slated to hit the theatres on the occasion of Eid next year. The superstar also has films like, 'Kick 2' with Jacqueline Fernandez and 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali' co-starring Pooja Hegde.

—ETimes

Genelia comes back 'home'

Actor Genelia Deshmukh is returning to her "home" South cinema with filmmaker Radha Krishna's untitled movie.

Taking to her Instagram handle on Friday, the actor wrote the caption, "N Today marks my re-entry into south films-a place I call home away from home..Thank you so much Sai Korrapati ji, Radhakrishna Reddyji for thinking of me for this special part.."

The action-packed film marks the debut of Kireeti, son of former Karnataka minister and mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy.

Congratulating the debut actor, the 'Jaane Tu... Ya Jaane Na' actor wrote, "I wish you all the best Kireeti on your debut and happy to be part of your debut film.."

The upcoming Kannada and Telugu bilingual is being backed by Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram production house.

—ANI

I am no good at networking: Sush

Bollywood diva Sushmita Sen made her stunning entry into the films after becoming the first Indian to bag the Miss Universe title in 1994. She starred in several hit films but later took a brief hiatus from films for almost a decade.

Talking about her break from films, Sushmita recently revealed to a film critic that mainstream Bollywood wasn't offering the projects that she wanted. Looking at her 10-year hiatus as a blessing in disguise, she said that it helped to set the priorities in order and figure out what she need to do.

While she said that mainstream cinema wasn't offering her films that she wanted a lot because of a 'pre-conceived notion' about her age and her absence from work, she also feels not being able to network with people made her miss opportunities as well. "I don't know what the mindset was or maybe I was not putting myself out there. I have never been good at that. I am no good at networking. It did not work for me," she said.

Sushmita has come a long way in Bollywood since she debuted with Vikram Bhatt's 'Dastak'. She was last seen in 'Dulha Mil Gaya' before she took a pause for ten years.